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OF THE

# CODICILS

Belonging to the

Last WILL and TESTAMENT

OF

Sir HANS SLOANE, Bart. deceased,

Which relate to his

COLLECTION of BOOKS

AND

CURIOSITIES.

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**I** Sir Hans Sloane of Chelsea, in the county of Middlesex, Baronet, do make this codicil to be annexed to my last will and testament as follows. Whereas I have in and by my said Will given some directions about the sale and disposition of my musæum, or collection of rarities herein more particularly mentioned : Now I do hereby revoke my said Will as far as relates thereto, and I do direct and appoint concerning the same in the following Manner. Having had from my youth a strong inclination to the study of plants, and all other productions of nature ; and having through the course of many years with great labour and expence, gathered together whatever could be procured either in

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our own or foreign countries that was rare and curious; and being fully convinced that nothing tends more to raise our ideas of the power, wisdom, goodness, providence, and other perfections of the Deity, or more to the comfort and well being of his creatures than the enlargement of our knowledge in the works of nature, I do Will and desire that for the promoting of these noble ends, the glory of God, and the Good of man, my collection in all its branches may be, if possible, kept and preserved together whole and intire in my manor house, in the parish of Chelsea, situate near the phyfic garden, given by me to the company of apothecaries for the same purposes; and having great reliance and confidence that the Right Hon. Hon. and other persons hereafter named will be influenced by the some principles, and faithfully and conscientiously discharge the trust hereby reposed in them, I do give, devise and bequeath unto the Right Hon. Charles Sloane Cadogan, Esq;



Esq; Hans Stanley, Esq; William Sloane, Esq; the Rev. Sloane Elsemere, Doctor in Divinity and the rector of Chelsea for the time being; Martin Folkes, Esq; and the president of the Royal Society for the time being; Sir Paul Methuen, James West, Esq; and the Treasurer of the Royal Society for the time being; the two secretaries of the Royal Society for the time being; Samuel Clarke, Esq; the Hon. Richard Arundell, Esq; Joseph Andrews, Esq; Mr. Joseph Ames, Mr. Henry Baker, the Rev. James Bradley, Doctor in Divinity, Astron. Reg. Sir Thomas Burnet, Knt. Mr. Peter Collinson, Sir John Evelyn, Bart. John Fuller of Suffex, Esq; the Rev. Stephen Hales, Doctor in Divinity; Theodore Jacobson, Esq; Smart Lethieullier, Esq; Sir James Lowther, Bart. George Littleton, Esq; the Rev. Charles Littleton, Doctor in Divinity, Dean of Exeter; the Rev. Henry Miles, Doctor in Divinity; David Papillon, Esq; Sir George Saville, Bart.

Sir Hugh Smithson, Bart. the Rev. Thomas Shaw, Doctor in Divinity ; Charles Stanhope, Esq; the Rev. William Stukely, James Theobald, Esq; Sir Peter Thompson, Knt. the Hon. Horatio Walpole, jun. Esq; the Hon. Philip York, Esq; Sir William Corderington, Bart. Henry Gough, Esq; Charles Gray, Esq; General James Oglethorpe ; John Ranby, Esq; Mr. George Bell ; the Right Rev. George Lord Bishop of Exeter ; the Right Rev. Zachary Lord Bishop of Bangor ; the Right Hon. Edward Southwell, Esq; Sir William Heathcote, Bart. Sir John Heathcote, Bart. John Milner, Esq; Mr. James Empson and Mr. William Watson ; all that my collection or musæum, at, in, or about my manor house at Chelsea aforesaid, which consists of too great a variety to be particularly described. But I mean all my library of books, drawings, manuscripts, prints, medals and coins, antient and modern, antiquities, seals, &c. cameas and intaglio's, &c.

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precious stones, agates, jaspers, &c. vessels, &c. of agate, jasper, &c. chryftals, mathematical instruments, drawings and pictures, and all other things in my faid collection or muſæum, which are more particularly deſcribed, mentioned and numbered, with ſhort histories or accounts of them, with proper references in certain catalogues by me made, containing thirty-eight volumes in folio, and eight volumes in quarto, except ſuch framed pictures as are not marked with the word (collection) to have and to hold to them and their ſucceſſors or aſſigns for ever; to the intent only that the ſame and every part and parcel of my faid collection or muſæum may be veſted in the ſaid Right Honourable and Honourable, and other perſons upon the truſts, and for the uſes and purpoſes, and ſubject to the ſeveral limitations and directions hereafter particularly ſpecified concerning the ſame: and for the rendering this my intention more effectual, that the ſaid

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lection may be preserved and continued intire in its utmost perfection and regularity ; and being assured that nothing will conduce more to this purpose, than placing the same under the direction and care of learned, experienced and judicious persons who are above all low and mean views, I do earnestly desire that the king, his royal highness the prince of Wales, his royal highness William duke of Cumberland, the archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, the right honourable Philip lord Hardwick, and the lord high chancellor for the time being, the lord president of the council for the time being, the lord privy seal for the time being, the lord steward of his majesty's household for the time being, the lord chamberlain of his majesty's household for the time being, his grace Charles duke of Richmond, his grace John duke of Montague, his grace Holles duke of Newcastle, his grace John duke of Bedford, and the two principal secretaries of state



state for the time being; the right  
 honourable John earl of Sandwich,  
 and the lord high admiral, or the first  
 lord commissioner of the admiralty for  
 the time being; the right honourable  
 Henry Pelham, Esq; and the lord high  
 treasurer, or the first lord commission-  
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 and the chancellor of the exchequer  
 for the time being, the lord chief jus-  
 tice of the king's bench for the time  
 being, the lord chief justice of the  
 common pleas for the time being, the  
 lord chief baron of the exchequer for  
 the time being, the lord bishop of  
 London for the time being, the lord  
 bishop of Winchester for the time be-  
 ing, the right honourable Archibald  
 duke of Argyle, the right honourable  
 Henry earl of Pembroke, the right ho-  
 nourable Philip earl of Chesterfield, the  
 right honourable Richard earl of Bur-  
 lington, the right honourable Henry  
 lord Montford, the right honourable Ar-  
 thur Onslow, Esq; and the speaker of the  
 House of Commons for the time being,  
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the honourable lord Charles Cavendish, the right honourable Charles lord Cadogan, the right honourable John earl of Verney, and the right honourable George lord Anson, will condescend so far as to act and be visitors of my said musæum and collection. And I do hereby, with their leave, nominate and appoint them visitors thereof, with full power and authority for any five or more of them to enter my said collection or musæum at any time or times, to peruse, supervise and examine the same and the management thereof; and to visit, correct and reform from time to time as there may be occasion, either jointly with the said trustees, or separately, upon application to them for that purpose, or otherwise, all abuses, defects, neglects, or mismanagements that may happen to arise therein, or touching or concerning the person or persons, officer or officers that are or shall be appointed to attend the same. And my will is, and I do hereby request and desire, that



that the said trustees, or any seven or more of them do make their humble application to his majesty or to parliament, at the next sessions after my decease, as shall be thought most proper, in order to pay the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain, unto my executors or the survivors of them, within twelve months after my decease, in consideration of the said collection or musæum : It not being, as I apprehend or believe, a fourth of their real and intrinsic value ; and also to obtain such sufficient and effectual powers and authorities, for vesting in the said trustees all and every part of my said collection or musæum before mentioned in all its branches ; and also my said capital manor house, with such gardens and out-houses as shall thereunto belong, and be used by me at the time of my decease, in which it is my desire the same shall be kept and preserved ; and also the water of, or belonging to, my manor of Chelsea

coming from Kenfington, subject to furnishing or supplying the Lord Bishop of Winchester's house as is now used ; and also all that the advowson presentation or right of patronage of the church of Chelsea : To the end, the same premises may be absolutely vested in the said trustees, for the preserving and continuing my said collection or musæum in such manner as they shall think most likely to answer the public benefit by me intended ; and also obtain as aforesaid, a sufficient fund or provision, for maintaining and taking care of my said collection and premises, and for repairing and supporting my said manor house, water-work and premises, to be vested in the said trustees for ever : And I do hereby further direct and appoint, that my executors do and shall, upon payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds, deliver or cause to be delivered unto the said trustees, or any seven or more of them, for, and in the name of all of them, in the presence of the said visitors,

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or any five or more of them, as well the possession of my said manor house and gardens at Chelsea aforesaid, as also all my collection or musæum before mentioned and described, and every part thereof in all its branches, whole and intire, as the same shall be found in my said manor house, according to the said catalogues, and together with the several volumes of catalogues thereunto belonging. And further, my will is, and I do hereby also direct and appoint, that in case his majesty or the parliament do accept the said offer, and do pay the said sum of twenty thousand pounds unto my executors or the survivor of them, that then my said executors do, within six months after such payment as aforementioned, and obtaining proper powers for effectually vesting in the said trustees all my said Collection, and my said capital house and gardens, with their appurtenances, water and advowson, presentation or right of patronage of the church of Chelsea as

aforesaid ; together with my heir or heirs at law, and all other proper parties, do and shall join in and execute such acts, deeds, or conveyances, as shall be thought requisite and necessary for the more perfect and absolute vesting, conveying, and assuring the said premisses in, and to the said trustees and their assigns or successors for ever, for the uses, intents and purposes herein mentioned and intended.

And my Will is, and I do hereby empower and direct, that the said trustees, or any seven or more of them, do and shall, in convenient time after payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds unto my said executors, or the survivors of them as aforesaid, meet together from time to time, as often as shall be thought fit, and there make, constitute and establish (to be afterwards ratified and approved by the visitors hereby appointed, or any five or more of them) such statutes, rules, and ordinances, and to make  
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and appoint such officers and servants for the attending, managing, preserving, and continuing of my said museum, or collection and premisses, for ever, with such salaries, payments, or allowances to them respectively, as shall seem meet and necessary.

And further, my Will is, and I do hereby order and direct, that in case any difference or dispute shall happen to arise by or between the said trustees touching the said premisses, which cannot be adjusted or settled among themselves, then and in such case, and as often as the same shall happen, the visitors hereby appointed, or any five or more of them, shall and are hereby authorized and impowered, to hear and determine in the most summary way, such difference or dispute, whose order or determination shall be final.

And it is also my Will and desire, that all such other powers and authorities may be added or vested, as well in the said intended trustees, as in the visitors hereby appointed, as shall by  
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the legislature be thought most proper and convenient, for the better management, order, and care of my said collection and premisses.

And further, it is my Will, and I do hereby declare and direct, that the said advowson, presentation, and right of patronage of the church of Chelsea, shall be filled up from time to time, as often as the same shall become vacant, by such person or persons as the trustees hereby appointed, or the major part of them, shall elect, present, nominate, or appoint.

And I do hereby further request and desire, that the trustees hereby appointed, or the major part of them, with the consent of the visitors, or major part of them, and also my heirs and executors, and every of them, will concur, as far as in them respectively lies, in promoting this my intention, and of perpetuating my said collection as afore mentioned, with their best endeavours, and for obtaining payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds as aforesaid,  
and



and for settling and assuring the said  
 musæum or collection and premisses,  
 manor-house and garden, with their  
 appurtenances, water, and advowson,  
 upon the trustees hereby appointed,  
 and for making a provision or fund  
 for maintaining and supporting the  
 same for ever, as before mentioned:  
 And in order that there may be always  
 a sufficient number of trustees subsist-  
 ing as far as may be, my Will is, and I  
 do hereby direct and desire, that with-  
 in convenient time after the decease of  
 any seven of the said trustees herein be-  
 fore particularly named, or any other  
 seven of the trustees for the time being,  
 or any less number, if they so please,  
 then and in such case, and so often as  
 the same shall happen, the survivors of  
 such trustees, or any seven or more of  
 them, shall and may at their meetings  
 proceed to the election or choice of  
 such other person or persons as they  
 shall think fit to be trustees, in the  
 room of such of them as shall happen  
 so to die; and the person or persons  
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so elected and chosen, shall be invested with the same powers and authorities in and over the premises, as the trustees hereby named, so as that the number of trustees never exceed fifty at any one time.

And my Will also is, and I do direct, that (for continuing a sufficient number of visitors) upon or after the decease of any five of the visitors herein before particularly named, or any five of the visitors for the time being, or of any less number if they so please, then and in such case, and so often as the same shall happen, the survivors of such visitors, or any five or more of them, shall and may elect and chuse such other person or persons as they shall think fit, provided they be not trustees in the room of such of them as shall happen to die ; and the person or persons so elected and chosen, shall be invested with the same powers and authorities in and over the premises, as the visitors hereby named, so as the number of visitors never exceed



exceed more than thirty at any one time.

And I do hereby declare, that it is my desire and intention, that my said musæum or collection be preserved and kept in my said manor-house at Chelsea aforesaid, by the said trustees and visitors, and that the same may be, from time to time, visited and seen by all persons desirous of seeing and viewing the same, under such statutes, directions, rules, and orders, as shall be made, from time to time, by the said trustees, or any seven or more of them, to be afterwards ratified by the said visitors (or any five or more of them, as aforesaid) that the same may be rendered as useful as possible, as well towards satisfying the desires of the curious, as for the improvement, knowledge and information of all persons; and it is for this purpose I have hereby reposed a sincere trust and confidence in my right honourable, ho-

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nourable, and other trustees and visitors hereby appointed.

But in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds shall not be had and obtained, and made unto my executors, or the survivors of them, within twelve months next after my decease, and no such act of parliament shall be obtained for settling, preserving, establishing, maintaining, and continuing my said collection and premisses in manner aforesaid; then, and not otherwise, my Will is, and I do in such case hereby direct, that my said executors or the survivors of them, do and shall sell and dispose, or cause to be sold and disposed of all and every part of my said collection or musæum as before described, together with the catalogues thereto belonging unto, or for the use of the royal academy of sciences at Peterburgh, provided that the said royal academy of sciences at Peterburgh, or the managers and directors



rectors thereof, or others on their behalf impowered, do and shall, within twelve months next after notice thereof, signified or given to the ambassador, resident or envoy of or from the Czarina or Empress of Russia, or of the Emperor of Russia for the time being, by my said executors or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto my executors, or the survivor or survivors of them, and to be deemed as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain; and in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds shall not be made at or within the time mentioned above for that purpose, by the managers or directors of the said Royal Academy of Sciences at Peterburgh, or any other on that behalf impowered, then my Will is, and I do hereby direct and appoint, that my executors or the survivors of them, do and shall sell and dispose, or cause to be sold and disposed of, all and every part of

my said collection or musæum as before described, with the catalogues thereunto belonging, unto or for the use of the royal academy of sciences at Paris, provided that the said Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris, or the managers, directors or others empowered on their behalf, do and shall within twelve months next after notice thereof signified or given, to the embassador, resident, or envoy of or from the court of France, by my said executors or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto my executors or the survivor or survivors of them, and to be deemed in like manner as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain ; and in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds last mentioned shall not be made at or within the time above-mentioned in that behalf, then my Will is, and I do hereby direct, that my executors or survivors



vivors of them, do and shall sell and dispose or cause to be sold and disposed of, all and every part of my said collection or musæum as before described, with the catalogues thereunto belonging, unto or for the use of the royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin, provided that the said royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin, or the managers or directors thereof, or others empowered on their behalf, do and shall, within twelve months next after notice thereof signified or given to the ambassador, or resident, or envoy of or from the king of Prussia, by my executors, or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto my executors, or the survivor or survivors of them, and to be deemed in like manner as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain; and in case payment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds last mentioned shall not be made at or within the  
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time before mentioned for that purpose, then my Will is, and I do hereby direct my said executors, or survivors of them, do and shall sell and dispose of, or cause to be sold and disposed of, all and every part of my said collection or musæum, as before described, with the catalogues thereto belonging unto or for the use of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Madrid; provided that the said Royal Academy of Sciences at Madrid, or the managers or directors thereof, or others impowered on their behalf, do and shall, within twelve months next after notice thereof signified or given to the ambassador, or resident, or envoy of or from the court of Spain, by my executors or survivors of them, pay or cause to be paid unto my executors, or to the survivors or survivor of them, and to be deemed in like manner as part of my personal estate, the full and clear sum of twenty thousand pounds of lawful money of Great-Britain.

And



And my Will is, and I do hereby further direct, that such notice and notices shall be given and signified to the respective ambassador, or resident, or envoy of or from the court of Russia, France, Berlin and Madrid, within three months next after failure or default of payment of the sum of twenty thousand pounds afore mentioned from the parliament as afore mentioned. And in case the said respective offers shall not be accepted by parliament, nor by any of the said foreign academies, nor any such payments well and truly made by any others on their respective behalfs, within the respective times before mentioned, unto my executors or the survivors of them as aforesaid :

Then my Will is, and I do hereby further direct and appoint, that my executors or the survivors or survivor of them, do and shall be at liberty, with all convenient speed, to sell and  
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dispose of, or cause or procure to be sold and disposed of, all and every part of my said collection or musæum, in the most speedy and advantageous manner; and the monies arising by such sale or disposition, I do hereby direct, will, and appoint, shall be paid to my executors or to the survivors or survivor of them, and shall be considered as part of my personal estate;

Provided always, and my Will is, that the trustees or executors, hereby intended and appointed for any of the purposes herein mentioned, shall not be answerable for or chargeable with the acts or deeds of each other, but with or for his own wilful acts and deeds only.

And further my Will is, and I do hereby direct, that in case my said collection shall be sold or disposed of to either of the said foreign academies before-mentioned, or in case of their refusal or non-acceptance by my executors,



ecutors, or the survivors of them ; that then my said manor house and garden, with their appurtenances, and the water, and advowson, shall go to and belong to such person or persons, and in such manner as I have given and devised the rest of my said manors, lands, and tenements at Chelsea or elsewhere.

In witness whereof I the said Sir Hans Sloane have to this codicil, contained in two skins or pieces of parchment, set my hand and seal this tenth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said testator Sir Hans Sloane, as and for a codicil to, and to be taken as part of the last will and testament of the  
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said

faid Sir Hans Sloane, in the prefence  
of us who in his prefence have fub-  
fcribed our names as witneffes thereto.

John King,  
Raymond Paine,  
George Stubbs,

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, fealed, and publifhed again  
this 26th of December 1751, as and  
for a codicil by the faid Sir Hans  
Sloane, in our prefence, who at his  
request, and in his prefence, have fet  
our names as witneffes thereunto.

Andw. Suatt,  
Charles Shapley,  
Thomas Bookham.

Whereas



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**W** Hereas I have by a codicil appointed and named his grace Charles duke of Richmond, John duke of Montague, and Henry earl of Pembroke, all lately deceased, among others, visitors of my musæum, or collection of curiosities, upon certain trusts therein mentioned ; now I Sir Hans Sloane do hereby name and appoint, in their stead, the right honourable the earl of Macclesfield, the earl of Shelburn, and the right honourable Sir John Strange master of the Rolls, and the master of the Rolls for the time being ; and I do desire that they will accept of the said trust : and I do also desire, that Sir John Bernard, Sir William Calvert, and Slingsby Bethel, Esq; may be added to the other trustees, by me formerly  
made

made in my said codicil, or in the list hereunto annexed.

And whereas I have in and by the said former codicil, or by some other, given and devised my advowson of the rectory and parish church of Chelsea to my said visitors and trustees, or to some of them, upon trust to present a proper person thereto, when the same shall become vacant: now I do by this my codicil revoke that part of my said former codicil concerning the said advowson, and do hereby give and devise the said advowson to such person or persons as shall from time to time have and enjoy my manor of Chelsea, and that he, she, or they, from time to time, shall present thereunto, whenever the same shall become vacant.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 18th September 1750.

Hans Sloane (LS)



Signed by the said Sir Hans in  
the presence of us, and published as a  
codicil.

Raymond Paine,  
Winefred Empson,  
John King.

Hans Sloane (LS)

Signed, sealed, and published again  
this 26 December 1751, as the codicil  
of Sir Hans Sloane, in the presence of  
us, who, at his request, have set our  
names in his presence, as witnesses  
thereunto.

Andw. Suatt,  
Charles Shapley,  
Thomas Bookham.

Adolph

Adolph Count Zinzendorff and Pot-  
tendorff, Count of the Roman Empire  
and great huntsman by inheritance of  
the arch-dukedom of Austria.

Henry XXIIIXth Reufs, Count and  
Lord of Plauen, Count of the Roman  
Empire, Lord Deputy or first Commis-  
sioner for executing the office of the  
Advocate of the Unitas Fratrum.

Abraham Baron Gerfdorff, Lord of  
Princeneck, Privy-Councillor of War  
of the King of Poland, Elector of  
Saxony, and Chancellor of the Unitas  
Fratrum.

Sigismund Baron Gerfdorff, Steward  
general of the Unitas Fratrum.

Coffart de St. Aubin d'Espiez.

John Hampden, Esq;

William Sotheby, Esq;

——— Taylor, Esq;

Mr. William Hallet, sen.

I do desire the above persons may  
be added to the Trustees already ap-  
pointed by me,

Hans Sloane.

June 17, 1752.



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**F I N I S.**